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**AIR DISTRICT OFFERS GRANTS FOR CLEANER
HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT**

Victorville – The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) is now accepting proposals for up to \$702,145 in grant funds for projects that reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and other mobile equipment operated in the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley.

Eligible vehicles and equipment include on-road heavy-duty vehicles; Auxiliary Power Units; off-road mobile agricultural and construction equipment, such as tractors, bulldozers or scrapers (25 Bhp or more); stationary agricultural irrigation pump engines (25 Bhp or more); and certain locomotives, forklifts, and air ground support equipment.

Under the Carl Moyer Program, state funds are disbursed to local entities via participating air districts for the purpose of offsetting the incremental cost of replacing heavy-duty engines or equipment with cleaner vehicles and equipment, whose emissions fall below applicable state and federal standards. For example, a company may be able to purchase a new truck that meets the state's minimum emission standards for \$100,000, or buy a lower-emission truck for

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\$125,000. The offsetting cost (\$25,000) necessary to purchase the lower-emission truck is eligible for funding through the Moyer Program.

Proposals will be accepted through April 2, 2007 at 5:00PM. For a complete set of eligibility requirements, or to obtain a Call for Projects package, contact the MDAQMD at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5706, or visit the MDAQMD's website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

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